

VIRGINIA WRAPPED IN SNOW-BLANKET

From Every Section of State Come Reports That "Beautiful" Is Falling.

THE HEAVIEST IN YEARS

Many Places Cut Off from Communication Owing to Damaged Wires.

Reports from all sections of Virginia are to the effect that almost the entire State is in the grasp of a heavy snow storm. In many sections the snowfall is heavier than it has been for ten years. At various points there has been a fall of eighteen inches or more, and it is drifting rapidly to a depth of many feet. Last night saw the snow in many places turning to sleet or rain, making conditions particularly disagreeable. The temperature throughout the State has been comparatively mild and little damage has been done to the farmers. Telephone and telegraph wires have been carried down in many places by the weight of the snow, and many places in the State are entirely cut off from communication.

Business Interrupted.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
PETERSBURG, Va., December 22.—The first snow of the season fell here to-day, and from early morning until late in the afternoon it fell rapidly, with interruptions of hail and rain, filling the streets and sidewalks with slush. On frozen ground the snow would probably have attained a depth of several inches, but it melted almost as fast as it fell. Business of all kinds was materially interrupted by the bad condition of the streets, and the retail Christmas trade, especially, suffered.

Valley Is Snowbound.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WINCHESTER, Va., December 22.—A blinding snow storm from one end of the Valley of Virginia to the other. Snow has been falling steadily since daybreak, and all trains were running behind time to-night. About nine inches of snow had fallen up to a late hour.

Heaviest of Season.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
FRONT ROYAL, Va., December 22.—The heaviest snow of the season struck here this morning. There is fully eight inches of snow on the ground at 6 o'clock, and it is still falling.

Stimulates Shopping.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LYNCHBURG, Va., December 22.—This section has been in the grasp of a severe snow storm since before daybreak and early to-night it turned to a light rain. The telephone, telegraph and electric wires are heavy, but not much trouble has been experienced by the wintry weather. The weather is not cold.

Twelve Inches at Bedford City.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
BEDFORD CITY, Va., December 22.—The heaviest fall of snow in many years began at 2 o'clock this morning, and at 3 o'clock this afternoon twelve inches of snow lay upon the ground. It is turning colder to-night.

Heaviest for Ten Years.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
STANTON, Va., December 22.—Snow has been falling here since an early hour this morning, and continues to fall to-night. It has reached a depth of about fifteen inches. It is the heaviest fall in exactly ten years. There

FLOWERS AND PLANTS IN GREATEST VARIETY

Those who have not had the pleasure of visiting the beautiful and artistic arrangements and display of flowers, potted plants, palms and ferns in Estelle & Walter, 25 West Broad Street, should do so before the Christmas decorations are all gone. While thousands of duplicates of the many rare and attractive flowers and plants shown in the store will be in the big greenhouses of the firm for future sales and deliveries, by to-morrow night the store will be practically empty. A great dream of beauty and look like an unchanged cave in fairyland. Since these decorations were opened to the public Monday morning thousands of visitors have called, packed and purchased all kinds, from the baskets filled with ferns, palms and blooming plants for the tables in the dining room, hall library or den to the rare plants and flowers for the bedroom and the boudoir.

Shortly Before the Finish

We find a great many lines almost entirely broken. To clean these up entirely, and also to help move some things we are long on, we are going to have a CUT SALE for these two days before Christmas. And when you remember the class of goods we carry, the assortment, and how attractively priced, we hope you will find this special sale a double incentive to pay us a visit.

If you will mention this ad. you can save money.

SOME VERY ATTRACTIVE

CALENDARS LEFT at a discount.

ALL SOUVENIR SILVER NOV-ELTIES, in Paper Weights, Vases, Loving Cups, Ash Trays, etc., 20 PER CENT. DISCOUNT.

A great many of our Fancy Binding GIFT BOOKS specially priced.

THAT FANCY GIFT BOXES of FINE STATIONERY greatly reduced.

See our \$1 LINE of Christy, Underwood, etc., Framed Pictures.

All the \$1.50 Regular Copy-rights, \$1.08.

We still have a nice little showing of NOVELTIES IN LEATHER. They are mighty pretty and not too expensive.

We have a half dozen or so ELECTRIC PORTABLES. Portables ranging from \$8.00 to \$18.50. These we offer at a discount in this sale.

DAMASCUS BRASS.

For those that know you can still find in large variety, as this is a line we specialize:

Damascus Candlesticks at 20 PER CENT. DISCOUNT.

Damascus Incense Burners at 20 PER CENT. DISCOUNT.

Damascus Vases, etc., at 20 PER CENT. DISCOUNT.

Teacher Bible, \$1.00 to \$10.00.

Prayer and Hymnals, 50c to \$12.50.

Book Racks, \$1.75 to \$4.50.

Water Colors, \$1.50 to \$6.50.

Forest Craft Pins, Buckles, etc., 50c to \$10.00.

Waterman Fountain Pens, \$2.50 to \$12.00.

Leather Magazine and Book Covers, \$1.50.

Candlesticks, 25c to \$7.00.

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is considerable wind, which is causing drifting. The temperature is only slightly below freezing.

In Grasp of Northeaster.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NORFOLK, Va., December 22.—To-night Norfolk is fast falling into the grasp of a severe northeaster. The wind at the capes has reached a velocity of forty miles an hour, with alternating rain and snow. There is considerable apprehension among ship-owners.

Eight Inches at Warsaw.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WARSAW, Va., December 22.—A heavy snowstorm, the first of the season, has been falling here all day, and the ground is covered to the depth of eight inches.

Lines in Bad Shape.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
ROANOKE, Va., December 22.—Roanoke and this section was visited to-day by one of the heaviest snowstorms for many years, and considerable damage was done to telephone and telegraph wires and young fruit trees. Snow has fallen to the depth of thirteen inches, and is still coming down. All trains are delayed, and telephone and telegraph lines in the rural districts are in bad shape.

Blowing Great Drifts.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., December 22.—Snow is fourteen inches on the level here. The downfall began at 5:40 this morning, and has kept up steadily throughout the day. To-night the wind is blowing great drifts, some of which measure four feet.

Snow in Fredericksburg.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
FREDERICKSBURG, Va., December 22.—Snow has been falling heavily here all day, and to-night is eight inches deep and still snowing.

First of Season.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
GREENSBORO, N. C., December 22.—The first snow of the season began falling here this morning about 3 o'clock, and it is already one of the heaviest experienced here in some years. It is several feet deep in drifts.

Storm Is Raging.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LEXINGTON, Va., December 22.—The heaviest snow-storm of the season has been raging here all day, and to-

night the snow measures fourteen inches and is still falling. The storm has materially affected trade, as many country Christmas shoppers were prevented from coming to town.

Heavy at Gordonsville.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
GORDONSVILLE, Va., December 22.—The heaviest snowfall for many years for this early in the season began here at an early hour this morning, and has continued with a steady report, with indications of its continuing through the night. At 3 o'clock it had reached a depth on a level of eleven inches.

For a White Christmas.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
BRISTOL, TENN., December 22.—Indicative of a white Christmas for this region, Southern Virginia, is covered with a mantle of fresh fallen snow, and it is still falling to-night.

Patrolman Exonerated.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NORFOLK, Va., December 22.—The coroner's jury to-day exonerated Patrolman Buck, white, and acting sergeant, in the killing of William Spruill, a negro desperado, on last Saturday night, declaring it justifiable homicide.

Cary Chair, constitutes a substantial

tribe this evening.

Comes Up To-Day.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NORFOLK, Va., December 22.—Judge Waddill, of the Federal court, announced to-day that he would tomorrow lay out the report of Special Master R. M. Hughes relative to the certificate for the improvement of the Norfolk and Southern Railroad, now in the hands of the court.

Great Sale of Liquor.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
SALISBURY, N. C., December 22.—An unprecedented sale of whiskey has been on in Salisbury for the past week, no less than six carloads being shipped daily by express. While a quantity of the liquor is shipped to all sections of the United States, most of it goes to South Carolina and Georgia. Extra express cars have been called into the service here to accommodate the traffic. The sale will close on the night of the 31st instant, when all the saloons in North Carolina will be permanently closed.

Get Christmas Checks.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
SPENCER, N. C., December 22.—The Christmas pay checks of the employees of the Southern Railway Company at Spencer were distributed yesterday and to-day, and many of the men, with their families, are preparing to spend the holidays at their old homes in various parts of the country. The pay roll has gradually increased for the past three months, amounting at this time to about \$125,000 for the month of November.

Challenged by Virginia.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
BURLINGTON, N. C., December 22.—In letters to captains of the companies of the three regiments composing the North Carolina National Guard, Quartermaster General and Chief of Ordnance, Francis A. Mason, acquaints the guard with the fact that it has been challenged by the Virginia Guard for a rifle match on Carolina's range at Morehead. The expense of this match will be met by the government.

CANNOT DISBAR ATTORNEY EBBS

Conviction of Forgery in Federal Court Not Ground for Such Action.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

RALEIGH, N. C., December 22.—After delivering a final batch of thirty-four opinions, the State Supreme Court adjourned for the term this afternoon to reconvene in February. The opinions delivered were practically all from the extreme western counties. One of much interest in the case of R. N. Ebbs, who appealed from an order of Judge Peebles, in Buncombe court, disbarring him from practicing law in this State because he had been convicted in a Federal court in another State of forgery. Ebbs appealed on the ground that under the statute in this State the conviction must be in the courts of this State.

The court holds that this is the case, and conviction in a Federal court is not within the statute, the case being remanded, so that if the Legislature restores to the courts power to inquire into charges affecting character and moral conduct of lawyers, Ebbs may be requested to answer the charge of forgery and the record of conviction in the Federal court be used as competent evidence against him, subject to the right on his part to answer. The court suggests that the Legislature, at its appropriate session, amend section 311, act of 1871 to this effect.

Disbarment opinions are filed by Chief Justice Clark and Justice Brown, the latter holding that in this matter judgments of a Federal court are entitled to the same consideration as the State court, the chief justice taking the further grounds that the refusal of Ebbs to answer as to guilt was, furthermore, practically admission of guilt, warranting disbarment in the proceeding below.

ASAC APPROPRIATIONS.

Many New Features Needed at Home for Blind and Deaf.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

RALEIGH, N. C., December 22.—Special appropriations aggregating \$43,843, in addition to the regular annual maintenance of the State School for the Blind and Deaf, are asked for from the Legislature to convene January 6th by the directors and superintendent of the State School for the Blind and Deaf, here. The report is just filed with the Governor, and declares that additional grounds is a crying need, and that if the additional grounds cannot be had at the present location, then the institution should be moved. Of the extra appropriations asked for by the directors, the need for which the special appropriation is asked are included ten new pianos, new steam heat and plumbing equipment and various repairs. There are 346 children in the institution, which includes the school for blind white children and that for the negro deaf, dumb and blind.

JUDGESHIP PLUM INTERESTS MANY

A Thorough Investigation Is Promised Before Any Indorsement Is Given.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ASHEVILLE, N. C., December 22.—The question of who is likely to succeed the late Judge Thomas H. Pritchard as Judge of the United States Court in the Eastern District of North Carolina is the matter of predominant interest to many members of the bar of this State, as well as to Republicans and Democrats.

Mr. E. C. Duncan, the Republican national committeeman, who is likely to confer with Federal Judge Pritchard on Seaboard Air Line Railway matters, when approached last night in the matter of Judge Pritchard's successor, directed attention to the fact that only a short time had elapsed since the death of Judge Pritchard, and that as yet he had not had an opportunity to devote any serious attention to the matter of Judge Pritchard's successor.

The names of a number of gentlemen were frequently mentioned as likely to be among them being the names of former Judge Kimberlake, District Attorney Harry Skinner, Judge J. B. Adams and others. It added, however, that it would be necessary for him to make a thorough canvass of the situation before giving his indorsement to any applicant.

While not authorized to quote Judge Pritchard in regard to Judge Pritchard's successor, it can nevertheless be stated that Judge Pritchard, in his last moments, had expressed a desire to have the National Committee on the State organization have agreed as to the proper person to be indorsed by the person thus agreed upon to present the qualifications necessary to the discharge of the duties of the office in question, such party will be indorsed by him.

Judge Pritchard, in discussing the matter, expressed the utmost confidence in the ability of Committee man Duncan to make a wise indorsement, and there is little doubt that Judge Pritchard will abide by whatever action Mr. Duncan may take.

PREFERRING FOR GRAND LODGE.

Grand Master Gattis Enthusiastic Over Future.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

RALEIGH, N. C., December 22.—Grand Master G. Gattis, of the North Carolina Grand Lodge of Masons, who is here preparing for the annual session of the Grand Lodge, held at the Raleigh Hotel, to which less than five years the Grand Lodge will establish its five-degreed home for aged and indigent Masons, leading in this work just as the Grand Lodge of Masons led thirty years ago in the orphanage work of the State. He believes that within five years the financial condition of the temple will be so adjusted or eliminated as to admit of opening the home with proceeds from the temple rentals. Grand Master Gattis is expected to deliver an address from all parts of the country for the ceremonies dedicating the temple at the approaching session, and says information from by far the greatest gathering of Masons ever brought together in the State will be here for the formal opening of the temple by the Grand Lodge.

Charter Granted.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

RALEIGH, N. C., December 22.—The Maynard-Critchfield Company, of Winston-Salem, is chartered, with \$250,000 capital, for general plumbing business, in the State of North Carolina.

The new corporation, the actual properties being in Stanly county, N. C.

Receivers Discharged.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

GREENSBORO, N. C., December 22.—Judge Boyd has issued an order discharging the ancillary receivers in the Gold Hill Mining Company bankruptcy case, and turned the property over to trustees in New Jersey, where the original bankruptcy proceedings were instituted. The Gold Hill Mining Company was a New Jersey corporation, the actual properties being in Stanly county, N. C.

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The agonizing itching and burning of the skin, as in eczema, the frightful scaling, as in psoriasis; the loss of hair and curling of scalp, as in locked hair; the facial disfigurement, as in acne and ringworm; the awful suffering of infants, and anxiety of worn-out parents, as in teething, or salt rheum—all demands a remedy of extraordinary virtues. Cuticura Soap, Ointment, and Resolvent have successfully cope with them. That Cuticura Soap, Ointment, and Resolvent (liquid or pills) are such stands proven by unqualified testimonials.

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We have just received a fresh importation of these famous biscuits, including many new varieties, all decorated this, especially designed for the holidays, filled with different Fancy Biscuits.

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Strawberries, Walshaden Prunes, Apricots, Limes, Pineapples, Cherries, Violets and Rose Leaves. Absolutely the best goods on the market.

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Xmas Nuts

Our stock of Holiday Nuts this year is the best we've ever bought. We were fortunate enough to purchase a quantity of fine Louisiana Soft Shell Pecans, extra large—perhaps the only lot of the kind on sale now in Richmond.

Other offerings in this line are Long Nuts, Cakes, Paper Shell Almonds, California Nonpareil Almonds, Tarragona Almonds, Mayette's Grenobles, Brandy Nuts, and Brazil Pods, Mixed Nuts, Pecans shelled whole, also Shelled Almonds and English and Black Walnuts.

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We pay especial attention to supplying and shipping Xmas orders, and a selection from our elaborate stock of good things to eat and drink will never fail to please.

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We've made special preparations in this line and are ready to fill your orders promptly and with the best goods of the kind made.

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Finest Malaga Raisins, in decorated cartons, also Stuffed Figs and Dates, Bishop's Glace Prunes stuffed with walnuts, Apricots and Ginger, in one, two and five-pound decorated boxes. Proboscis and Layer Figs, in three, five and ten-pound boxes.

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